

U.S. Pat. Appl. Ser. No. 10/563,443
Attorney Docket No. 10191/4155
Reply to Office Action of February 22, 2010

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached Replacement sheet of drawings including Figs. 2a-3b addresses the objections to the Drawings raised in the Office Action, and replaces the original sheet including Figs. 2a-3b. No new matter has been added. Approval and entry are respectfully requested.

Attachment: one (1) Replacement sheet

REMARKS

With the cancellation herein of claims 23 to 33 (which were inadvertently added in the Preliminary Amendment of January 3, 2006), and the addition of new claims 34 to 56, claims 34 to 56 are currently pending in the present application, since claims 1 to 22 were previously canceled. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable, and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

As regards the claim for foreign priority, Applicants submit herewith a Supplemental Application Data Sheet removing the erroneously made claim for foreign priority to German Application number 103 30 090.2, filed on July 3, 2003.

Applicants thank the Examiner for considering the previously filed Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 paper. As regards the cited references that were not considered, Applicants submit herewith copies of those references and a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 paper again citing those previously listed references.

The objection to the title, objection to the Drawings as assertedly failing to show the features of the claims, objection to the Specification as assertedly failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter, and the written description and enablement rejections of the claims were due to the inadvertent inclusion of claims 23 to 33 which were not intended for the present application. Those claims have been canceled, thereby rendering moot those objections and rejections. Withdrawal of those objections and rejections is therefore respectfully requested.

The Drawings have been amended herein to render moot the present objections to the Drawings with respect to reference signs 31 and 32. Withdrawal of the objection to the Drawings is therefore respectfully requested.

The Specification has been amended herein without prejudice for consistency with the Drawings.

New claims 34 to 56 do not add new matter and are supported by the application, including Specification, as originally filed.

The subject matter of the present application is new, non-obvious, and useful.

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of pending claims 34 to 56 are allowable. It is therefore respectfully requested that the objections and rejections be withdrawn. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of the present application are therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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